

**Notice of Special Referendum Election  
County of Green  
October 6, 2009**

# COUNTY OF GREEN REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special referendum election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the County of Green, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the following Resolution of the County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**RESOLUTION 8-2-09**

***Resolution Authorizing a Referendum to Exceed State Imposed Tax Levy Limits in 2010 through 2014 and Authorizing a Fund Transfer for Referendum Election Expenses***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board of Supervisors does proclaim its continuing support for county ownership and operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home for so long as it is practical for the county to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2010 under Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. section 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes limits the increase in 2010 to the local property tax levy to no more than 3% of last year's levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the current state budget as adopted allows a 3% increase (\$341,459) plus a “carryover” base increase of \$281,919 for a total increase of 5.48%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$890,000 above the levy limit for each of the next five years for the financial well being and stability of Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee has determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of Green County to conduct a county-wide special referendum to determine whether the Green County taxpayers support the county exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602, or any successor thereto, for the next five fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 may be amended or renewed in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that a special referendum election shall be held on October 6, 2009, and that the following question, modified as necessary to conform to any directives from the Department of Revenue or changes in the law, be placed on the ballot as a binding special referendum question:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2010, is limited to 5.48%, which results in a levy of \$12,005,340. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next five fiscal years, 2010 through 2014, by up to \$890,000 per year (which for 2010 equals an additional 7.82% for a total increase of 13.3%) which results in a levy of \$12,895,340 for 2010, which sum does not include exempt library services or other exemptions from the levy limit, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of operating Pleasant View Nursing Home?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next five years, 2010 through 2014 up to \$890,000 per year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors approves a fund transfer of up to \$20,000 from the General Fund to the County Clerk Election budget for the costs of the special referendum election.

**SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE**

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

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YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPLANATION

The October 6, 2009 special referendum ballot asks the county electors to vote “yes” or “no” on the referendum question above.

A “yes” vote on the question is a vote in favor of authorizing Green County to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. These amounts are intended to be used exclusively and for no other purpose than the operation of Green County's Pleasant View Nursing Home.

A “no” vote on the question is a vote against authorizing Green County to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. These amounts are intended to be used exclusively and for no other purpose than the operation of Green County’s Pleasant View Nursing Home.

In the event a majority of the electors vote “yes” to the question, Green County would be authorized to exceed the levy limit imposed under s. 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by an amount between \$0 to \$890,000 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. It is the intention of the County Board that any amounts levied under the authority of this referendum be used exclusively for the purpose of operating Green County’s Pleasant View Nursing Home.

In the event a majority of electors vote “no” to the question, Green County’s Pleasant View Nursing Home may have to be closed or sold. If closing the facility becomes necessary, residents will be relocated to other facilities. Necessary expenses incurred in Green County’s operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home will result in a reduction of the operating budgets of other county departments. Green County will eliminate job positions, programs, and reduce services as necessary.

DONE in the city of Monroe,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

*Michael Doyle*  
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Green County Clerk